

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

MONDAY, June 1, 1959.

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The Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections met this day at 9.30 a.m. Mr. Heath Macquarrie, Chairman, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Aiken, Bell (*Carleton*), Bell (*Saint John-Albert*), Carter, Henderson, Howard, Kucherepa, Macquarrie, McBain, Nielsen, Ormiston, Paul, Richard (*Ottawa East*) and Webster.—(14)

Also present: Mr. Frank McGee, M.P.

In attendance: Mr. Nelson J. Castonguay, Chief Electoral Officer, and Mr. E. A. Anglin, Q.C., Assistant Chief Electoral Officer, Ottawa.

The Chairman tabled a statistical summary of the communications received by the Chief Electoral Officer and the Secretary of State. The letters in question were filed on May 12, by Mr. Castonguay and identified as Appendix I.

(*See also Minutes of Proceedings of May 22, page 7*)

Mimeographed copies of this summary were distributed.

Mr. Nelson Castonguay was called, and questioned on the suggestions contained in Appendix I, particularly on

1. Absentee voting;
2. Permanent list of electors, revision and cost thereof;
3. Rejected ballots.

By consent, Mr. McGee queried the witness on spoiled ballots.

The witness tabled an answer to Mr. Bell (*Carleton*), regarding election offenses.

On motion of Mr. Bell (*Carleton*), seconded by Mr. Aiken,

Ordered.—That the above answer be printed as an appendix. (*See Appendix II to this day's evidence*)

Mr. Castonguay was asked to prepare memoranda relating to

1. An amendment to Section 14 of the Canada Elections Act;
2. Voting by Civil Servants abroad;
3. A possible extension of the present system of absentee voting.

At 10.55 o'clock, the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Antonio Plouffe,
Assistant Chief Clerk of Committees.